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SUBJECT: UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON'S ECONOMIC CONSULTATION
TRIP

REF: A) STATE 143616; B) STATE 143401; C) CARACAS 6396;

D) BRASILIA 5044

1. UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON ON HIS VISIT FOR CONSULTATIONS
ON ECONOMIC SUBJECTS WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY ALBERT FISHLOW,
ARA; DENNIS WOOD, UNDER SECRETARY'S EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT;
AND MICHAEL DAVILA, ARA/ECP. IN BRASILIA HE WILL BE JOINED
BY CARL SCHMIDT, DIRECTOR OF EB'S OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL
TRADE, AND STEPHEN LANDE, ASSISTANT SPECIAL TRADE
REPRESENTATIVE.

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2. MR. ROBINSON AND PARTY PLAN ARRIVE CARACAS 9:30 PM

MONDAY, JULY 7, ON PAN AM 441. HE PLANS DEPART CARACAS ON VARIG 807 AT 12:05 AM THURSDAY, JULY 10, ARRIVING BRASILIA AT 7:30 AM. (SCHMIDT AND LANDE ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE BRAZIL SUBJECT SEPTTEL.) MR. ROBINSON AND PARTY PLAN DEPART BRASILIA FRIDAY EVENING JULY 11 TO CONNECT WITH PAN AM FLIGHT 202 FOR JFK. PLEASE MAKE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

3. UNDER SECRETARY DESIRES TO USE THIS TRIP TO BUILD A FOUNDATION LEADING TO CLOSER CONSULTATION ON MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ISSUES. HE DOES NOT WISH TO GENERATE HOPES THAT THIS VISIT WOULD BE ONE TO NEGOTIATE CURRENT ISSUES AND WOULD HOPE TO AVOID DISCUSSION OF DETAILS, ESPECIALLY OF PENDING BILATERAL TRADE ISSUES. HE WOULD USE THIS VISIT TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON BASIC POLICIES AND PHILOSOPHIES, AND TO START PROCESSES FOR ESTABLISHING BILATERAL MECHANISMS FOR REGULAR CONSULTATION AND COOPERATION AMONG KEY ECONOMIC POLICY MAKERS OF THESE TWO COUNTRIES AND USG.

4. PROPOSED AGENDA FOR TALKS IN CARACAS INCLUDES:
(A) REVIEW OF U.S. POSITION ON GLOBAL ECONOMIC ISSUES, ESPECIALLY FURTHER DISCUSSION OF PREPARATIONS FOR PRODUCER/CONSUMER ENERGY PREPCON (PRINCIPALLY WITH PEREZ GUERRERO), BUT ALSO TOUCHING ON OTHER GLOBAL ISSUES SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL MONETARY ARRANGEMENTS, GENERAL TRADE QUESTIONS, COMMODITIES, FOOD AND DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE. OBJECTIVE WOULD BE TO HIGHLIGHT VENEZUELA'S INCREASING ROLE IN THESE GLOBAL ISSUES. (B) REVIEW OF U.S. POSITION ON HEMISPHERIC ISSUES INCLUDING OAS DISCUSSION OF CODE OF CONDUCT FOR MNC'S AND IDB QUESTIONS. (C) DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE BILATERAL ECONOMIC ISSUES SUCH AS REIMBURSABLE AID TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION IN AGRICULTURE.

5. IN BRASILIA MR. ROBINSON WOULD PROPOSE GENERAL REVIEW OF ECONOMIC GLOBAL AND HEMISPHERIC ISSUES AS DESCRIBED IN (A) AND (B) ABOVE, WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA, FINANCE MINISTER SIMONSEN AND MINES AND ENERGY MINISTER UEKI, AS WELL AS DETAILED DISCUSSIONS ON PREPCON WITH AMBASSADOR CABRAL DE MELLO.
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6. MR. ROBINSON ALSO PROPOSES TO DISCUSS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER SILVEIRA THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING AN INFORMAL BILATERAL CONSULTATIVE GROUP ON ECONOMIC AFFAIRS FOR PERIODIC EXCHANGES OF VIEWS ON GLOBAL AND HEMISPHERIC ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENTS, AS WELL AS DISCUSSIONS TO IMPROVE UNDERSTANDING OF EACH OTHER'S POLICIES WITH REGARD TO BILATERAL ISSUES. CONSULTATIVE SUBGROUPS COULD BE ESTABLISH-

ED ON SPECIFIC CSSUES AS SEEMS APPROPRIATE IN THE FUTURE.
AT PRESENT, WE PROPOSE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRADE SUBGROUP
TO BE JOINTLY CHAIRED BY STATE AND STR. FISHLOW, SCHMIDT
AND LANDE WOULD MEET SEPARATELY TO DISCUSS AGENDA AND
RANGE OF TRADE ISSUES, WITH USG WILLING AGREE ON TIMETABLE
FOR FIRST MEETING OF TRADE CONSULTATIVE SUBGROUP WITHIN
90 DAYS.

7. SEPARATE INSTRUCTIONS WILL FOLLOW ON PROPOSED PRESS
GUIDANCE. WHILE DEPARTMENT WOULD NOT OBJECT IN PRINCIPLE
TO LOW KEY ANNOUNCEMENT THAT FURTHER CONSULTATIONS WITH
BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA ARE PLANNED, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO
OVERLY FORMALIZE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TO CREATE INFLATED
EXPECTATIONS OR AROUSE INVIDIOUS COMPARISONS IN OTHER
COUNTRIES. WE DO, HOWEVER, WANT IT TO BE GENERALLY KNOWN
IN BOTH VENEZUELA AND BRAZIL THAT WITH ROBINSON VISIT WE
ARE JOING WITH THEM ON SEARCH FOR NEW PROCEDURE FOR
MANAGING OUR MUTUAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS WHICH WOULD
SUPPLEMENT AND BROADEN EXISTING MEASURES.

8. WE WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS OF EMBASSY BRASILIA AND
CARACAS ON ABOVE PROGRAM.
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